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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 1941.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1941.

There were 33 live births in 1941 giving a birth rate of 14.11. This is an increase on the figure for 1940 which was 12.7.

There were 44 deaths from all causes giving a crude death rate of 18.81. This figure is much higher than that for 1940 which was 12.30 but as 30 deaths occurred over the age of 65 and 4 were premature infants this apparent rise is not as significant as it first appears to be.

Apart from these 4 premature infants there were no deaths under one year of age and there was only one still birth.

There were no maternal deaths and no deaths from infectious disease. There were 15 cases of whooping cough and 5 cases of measles notified during the year.

Tuberculosis has not shown any marked increase in 1941. At the end of the year there were 22 cases on the register, one more than last year, and 2 cases died.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION SCHEME.

A special campaign was planned at the end of 1940 to secure the immunisation of the largest possible number of children over the age of one year.

Both schools, the Central and Primary, were used as treatment centres and the response was very good, specially amongst the school population. The results were as follows:-

Pre-School Children.  
(Aged 1 - 5)

41%

School Children.  
(aged 5 - 15)

91%

In order to keep up and possibly improve upon this high rate of immunes, Birthday letters were distributed to the mothers of babies on their first birthday, pointing out the benefits of early immunisation and giving explicit directions how it could be effected.

In addition to the treatment of groups of children at the schools, a certain number have been treated by their own doctors under the Council's Scheme.

I should like to acknowledge here the valuable help I have received from Practitioners, nurses and teachers, without whose co-operation the Scheme could not have been such a success.

I hope that efforts will continue to be made by all concerned to bring our percentage treated as near as possible to 100%.

The health of the Urban District has been in 1941 and apart from a heavier death rate among the elderly little sign that it has suffered from the continued strain

I should like to record my appreciation of assistance I have had from the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and the loyal co-operation of the Staff.

I am,  
Your obedient Servant,

IRENE B.L.GREEN.

Medical Officer of Health.



# VITAL STATISTICS

## LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females</u>		
Legitimate.	32.	16.	16.)	} Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population.	14.11.
Illegitimate.	1.	-	1.)		
Totals.	33.	16.	17.)		

## STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate.	-	-	-	} Rate per 1,000 births.	30.30.
Illegitimate.	1.	-	-		
Totals.	1.	-	-		

<u>DEATHS.</u>	44.	25.	19.)	Crude death rate per 1,000 estim- ated resident population.	18.81.
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INFANT MORTALITY i.e. deaths of infants under one year of age.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	
Legitimate.	4.	4	-	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births.
Illegitimate.	-	-	-	
Totals.	4.	4.	-	
			121.	

## TUBERCULOSIS


This table gives the number and type of cases in the area in 1941.

Type of case.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Pulmonary.	11.	7.	18.
Non-pulmonary.	1.	3.	4.
TOTALS.	12.	10.	22.

The causes of death given in this table are supplied by the Registrar-General.-

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males.	Females.
All causes... ..	25.	19.
Tuberculosis.	2.	-
Cancer.	2.	6.
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	2.	4.
Heart disease.	3.	5.
Bronchitis.	2.	-
Pneumonia.	1.	-
Congenital Debility, Prematurity, etc.	4.	-
Syphilitic diseases.	1.	-
Diabetes.	-	1
Other disease of circular system.	-	1.
Other digestive diseases.	-	1.
All other causes.	7.	1.





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WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL (NORFOLK)

Council Offices,  
Wells.  
29th June 1942.

To The Chairman and Members of  
the Wells-next-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I beg to submit you brief annual report  
for the year ending 31st December 1941.

WATERWORKS.

During the year 10,070,000 gallons of water were supplied to consumers, this being an increase of 1,158,000 gallons over the consumption in 1940.

Owing to one of the pumps failing to operate it was decided to have both pumps overhauled and one of the pumps was repaired during the year.

FOOD INSPECTION

There are two Ministry of Food slaughterhouses in the Urban District where animals are slaughtered to provide for the Walsingham R.D.C. area in addition to the Urban area.

I visited the slaughterhouses 253 times during the year and inspected the following carcasses:-

Cattle.	520.
Calves.	86.
Sheep.	1383.
Pigs.	<u>516.</u>
Total.	<u>2505.</u>

The following are the number of carcasses and weights of meat condemned:-

Cattle.	Carcases 28.	16,087 lbs.	
	Parts	<u>3,712</u>	" 19,799 lbs.
Sheep.	Carcases 37.	1,987	"
	Parts.	<u>154½</u>	" 2,141½ "
Pigs.	Carcases. 5.	642.	"
	Parts.	<u>615</u>	" 1,257 "
	Total at slaughterhouses.		<u>22,197½ "</u>

In addition the following was condemned as unfit for food:-

Preserved Meat.	87 lbs.
1 Box fish.	56 "
Onions.	<u>24½</u> "
	<u>167½</u> "

SCAVENGING

Scavenging is carried out by four men with 2 horses and 3 carts, the nightsoil being sold to farmers for manure at 1/- per cubic yard less 10% allowance for tins and glass, whilst the day refuse is tipped at the dump at Warham Road.

SALVAGE

The salvage of paper is carried out by the Girl Guides and during the year the value collected averaged £2.5.0. per month each 1,000 of population. During the year a large heap of tins was formed on the dump site. The salvage of bones was during the year carried out by the Boy Scouts.

I am obediently,

F. ROWELL, Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

